

LUD 5466.4 CIP - JEL/NDH

If the examiner feels that claims 89-91 are not allowable, this is her prerogative; however, the rules are clear: If the examiner changes position, following an indicia of allowability, then the prosecution must be re-opened.

This has already happened once. See applicants response of August 21. If it happens again, the Group Director will be involved in further discussions. An explanation is called for – not a complete lack of response, as was the case with respect to claim 93, and applicants prior remarks.

AMENDMENT

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 6-8, 11-13, 16-54, 61-81 and 85-87, without prejudice.

Add claims 89-95:

Claim ~~89~~³: An isolated polypeptide which binds to an MHC-Class II DR53 molecule, wherein said polypeptide consists of an amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 or 13.

Claim ~~90~~⁴: The isolated polypeptide of claim ~~89~~³, the amino acid sequence of which is set forth at SEQ ID NO: 8, 9 or 10.

Claim ~~91~~⁵: A composition comprising the isolated polypeptide of claim ~~89~~³, and at least one adjuvant.

Claim ~~92~~⁶: The composition of claim ~~91~~⁵, wherein said polypeptide is SEQ ID NO: 8, 9 or 10.

Claim ~~93~~⁷: A composition comprising a mixture of at least two of the polypeptides defined by SEQ ID NOS: 8, ~~9~~⁸ and 10.

Claim ~~94~~⁸: The composition of claim ~~93~~⁷, further comprising an adjuvant.

Claim ~~95~~⁹: A composition comprising:

- (i) a first polypeptide, the amino acid sequence of which consists of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 7, and
- (ii) at least one additional polypeptide, the amino acid sequence of which consists of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 8, 9 or 10.